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Photo by Kendall Latimer.

CREATIVE SASK TRIP CRITICIZED

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Creative Sask, Saskatchewan's new arts funding agency, is drawing criticism following the CEO's recent trip to Los Angeles during Oscar week.

The excursion, which was approved by the agency's board of directors, cost \$3,600 of taxpayers' money.

Cathy Sproule, the NDP culture critic, deemed the trip hypocritical because the film industry has suffered since the provincial government ended Saskatchewan's film tax credit program in 2012.

Sproule also said the trip shouldn't have been approved in light of Premier Brad Wall's ban on non-essential travel that was put into place in December.

The government allows agency boards to decide for themselves what is considered essential.

"What is essential to one organization may have a completely different meaning to a different organization," said J.P. Ellson, Creative Sask CEO.

"Our mandate is to increase exposure of our artists on a national and international basis. To do that we have to go outside of the province. The world doesn't know that much about (our artists) so we have to tell them."

On Feb. 24, Michael MacNaughton, Creative Sask board chair, told *Global News* that Ellson's trip was

essential to promote the province's film industry. MacNaughton said that as the entire film and television

consul general for L.A.," said Ellson. "Secondly, most of it was based on the fine arts side."

CATHY SPROULE, THE NDP CULTURE CRITIC, DEEMED THE TRIP HYPOCRITICAL BECAUSE THE FILM INDUSTRY HAS SUFFERED SINCE THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ENDED SASKATCHEWAN'S FILM TAX CREDIT PROGRAM IN 2012.

Ellson said he spent a full day with a potential event planner touring different art districts of L.A., looking

for places where Saskatchewan art exhibitions could go.

"We've identified L.A. as a potential art market, so it was a matter of going down and seeing these different areas, regions, and galleries."

Despite reports in the media, Ellson denies attending any Oscar after parties. "I was back in my office by Friday afternoon," he said.

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'D' FOR SASK. REPORT CARD Rebekah Lesko

The marks are in. Saskatchewan's health barely squeaks by with a passing grade.

The province was recently ranked by the Conference Board of Canada in their report, *How Canada Performs: Health*.

The report was based on 11 health status indicators and includ-

ed 29 regions. The regions consisted of Canada, its provinces and territories and 15 peer countries.

Saskatchewan placed 24 out of 29 regions across the globe with a 'D' average. Regions taking home the 'A' rating included Switzerland, Sweden and Canada's own, British Columbia.

The lowest ranked 'D' minus provinces included Newfoundland and Labrador and the three Canadian territories.

"B.C. spends the least amount on healthcare per capita versus New-

foundland and Labrador which has among the highest spending of the provinces," said Sheila Rao, program manager of How Canada Performs.

Rao said the study revealed how there is a correlation between Aboriginal population and health outcomes.

"You see territories and other provinces, like Saskatchewan and Manitoba, which have a higher Aboriginal population, do more poorly compared to the other provinces," said Rao.

"There are lots of factors that

come into play. It's not just lifestyle factor, but poverty, human equality, the cost of living. There are a lot of issues that need to be tackled," Rao said.

Saskatchewan's population is over 15 per cent Aboriginal. This is well above the Canadian average, the report noted.

This report came as no surprise to Wendy Whitebear, research coordinator of Indigenous Peoples' Health Research Centre.

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NEIGHBOURS AGITATED OVER EXPLOSION



Photo by Carlos Prieto.

152 Cooper Crescent exploded the night of February 24. Police secured the house and an investigation is underway.

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Destroyed walls, shattered windows and couches in the garden. The house on 152 Cooper Crescent was destroyed after exploding the night of Feb. 24. Shocked neighbours wonder what caused the incident, while police continue an investigation.

"I didn't hear much. I felt a big shake. My picture shook, and my house shook," said Colleen Selinger, who lives nearby. "You could see fire from the back. I thought maybe it was the garage," she added.

SaskEnergy said there was no evidence of a natural gas leak on the property. The Regina Police Service is investigating other possible causes.

To Sherry Fisher, resident of Cooper Crescent, the explosion was

"I COULD SEE NOTHING, IT WAS JUST SMOKE."

- SHERRY FISCHER

also a big shock. "All of (a) sudden we heard a huge boom," she said. Fisher added the smoke coming out of the house smelled like oil and made the air very hard to breathe.

Two males aged 35 and 19 were severely injured and remain in hospital, while a male aged 28 was released the day after the explosion.

Neither Selinger nor Fisher knew the people affected by the explosion. "I never saw anything there. I talked to the lady that lived there

last summer, she was very nice," Selinger said. She said she saw the same lady crying after the incident happened.

Elizabeth Popowich, public information manager of RPS, said despite the speculation, it is too early to confirm theories. Regina Fire

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- COLLEEN SELINGER

and Protective Services are working with the police to determine the origin and cause of the explosion. "The origin and causes, combined with circumstances and information that we gathered, will help us know whether or not there is a criminal aspect to the case," Popowich said.

The magnitude of the explosion caused some alarms to go off. Neighbours confused the smoke and wind that came from the house for a storm. "I could see nothing, it was just smoke, I opened up the front door and it was like pillows of smoke," said Fisher, who also saw the flames come from the back of the house.

Some neighbours did not notice there was an explosion. Sirens and

worried residents spread the news of what happened. People from the street said they are not worried about the possibility of a gas leak and think it will remain as an isolated incident in the area.

Popowich also mentioned the first action by the police was to

secure the scene. "You don't want anyone else to have access because you don't want someone to remove something that might be evidence of a criminal act," she said. Officers were stationed at the front and back of the house to preserve the scene.

While rumours spread among worried neighbours, Popowich said investigations like this one can take time, and every case evolves differently. The medical needs of the victims are a priority, so questioning the injured occupants will wait until their lives are safe from danger, Popowich said.

As of Feb. 26 the scene has been released by police, though a criminal investigation into the cause of the explosion is ongoing.

No additional information was available as *INK* went to print.

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"On the evening of the last day I was invited by the Canadian Media Fund and Telefilm Canada, the two largest funders of film development and production, to attend their reception, which was free, so I didn't buy a ticket. It was to honour the nominees, not just for the Academy Awards but also the Canadian Screen Awards," said Ellson.

"All galleries are looking at expanding their markets, whether it's provincially, nationally, or internationally," he added.

"If (the trip) assists galleries expanding on an international basis it's certainly a great thing," said Jeremy Weimer, owner of the Assiniboia Gallery which is a member of Sask Galleries.

Ellson said trips like these are about exposure, not direct sales, and that measuring the success of them is not easy. "We can certainly measure outputs. Outcome is a different issue. It's often slow, an 18 to 36 month incubation period before you see any real return," he said.

On March 4, *The Leader-Post* reported that Creative Sask's CEO will potentially be heading back to L.A. to host a Canada Day party at the consul general's home.

Ellson said the party would coincide with selling Saskatchewan on the world stage.

The trip cannot be confirmed until the new provincial budget is released.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE VETOED



Photo by Alec Salloum.

Activists and environmentalists are viewing this as the first of many victories against fossil fuels, though the Energy East pipeline is still being built.

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After 2,300 days of deliberation, activists and investors alike have an answer: the proposed \$12 billion Keystone XL Pipeline is not being built, for now.

In a letter to the American Senate, explaining why he vetoed the Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act, President Barack Obama cited concerns over “security, safety, and environment.” This comes in the wake of a 270-152 House of Representatives vote in favour the pipeline and a 62-36 Senate vote for the project.

Though first supported and now stalled in the U.S., Canadian interests are still hoping to move forward with the TransCanada pipeline. “It is not a question of if this project will be approved; it is a matter of when,” said federal natural resource minister Greg Rickford in a public statement.

But this is not how Cameron Fenton, an organizer for 350.org, sees it. “Hundreds of thousands of people have been involved in fighting this pipeline,” said Fenton.

Fenton and the international environmental organization 350.org have been fighting the pipeline for

years.

“When it started everyone, including from the industry to then secretary of state Hillary Clinton, thought that Keystone was a done

“EVEN A REJECTION OF KEYSTONE XL IS JUST THE BEGINNING, ESPECIALLY FOR FOLKS HERE IN CANADA FIGHTING PROJECTS LIKE ENERGY EAST THAT GOES THROUGH SASKATCHEWAN AND ALL THE WAY TO THE EAST COAST OF CANADA. WE’RE SEEING THE FIRST OF WHAT WE HOPE TO BE MANY VICTORIES AS WE START TO TURN THE TIDE AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS.”

- CAMERON FENTON

deal, and a movement has risen up around it and changed that story completely,” said Fenton. 350.org has been advocating for sustainable alternatives to oil, especially oil gathered from tar sands.

The XL pipeline would connect Albertan tar sand developments to refineries in Texas and Illinois. A study from the Pembina Institute found greenhouse gas emissions from oilsands have increased 2.9 times in the past two decades, making tar sands the fastest growing source of CO2 emissions in Canada. Considering that the pipeline would

transport and refine 830,000 barrels of oil a day, the environmental impact would be massive.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a

report stating full producing capacity “per year is equivalent to the annual greenhouse gas emissions from 5.7 million passenger vehicles or 7.8 coal fired power plants. Over the 50-year lifetime of the pipeline, this could translate into releasing as much as 1.37 billion more tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.”

The report, published on Feb. 2, has prompted the Canadian government to refute that the pipeline will worsen carbon emissions. However the National Energy Board (NEB) has refused to include consider-

ation of the tar sands in their review of both the Keystone and Energy East pipeline, stating production emissions are outside its regulatory mandate. The NEB is a federal institution tasked with regulating the safety of Canada’s energy ventures.

The pipeline was first proposed in 2008, and since then the Canadian government has spent over \$24 million on ads promoting the pipeline. “What if it was spent on solar panels, or how many wind turbines could we have built, how many jobs could we have created instead of lobbying for a pipeline desperately in the United States for the past 2,000 days?” asked Fenton.

With the pipeline halted and the NEB still refusing to review tar sand development this respite could be crucial to fighting this pipeline. “Even a rejection of Keystone XL is just the beginning, especially for folks here in Canada fighting projects like Energy East that goes through Saskatchewan and all the way to the east coast of Canada. We’re seeing the first of what we hope to be many victories as we start to turn the tide away from fossil fuels,” said Fenton.

NEW U OF R BUSINESS RESEARCH LAB



Photo by Taylor Rattray.

The U of R business faculty's new research lab will give students like Morgan Adams the opportunity to learn about research in a hands-on way.

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As part of the University of Regina's new 2015 to 2020 strategic plan to strengthen research impact, the business faculty will unveil a new human research lab. Officially called the Laboratory for Behavioural Business Research, it will open in the fall of 2015.

The lab will be designed to study counterproductive and antisocial behaviour in business settings. It will be supplied with equipment to run computer simulations, experiments, focus groups, and psychological tests.

Assistant professor of marketing at the U of R, Haithem Zourrig, is one of the three researchers whose work has inspired the lab. He says he has four different projects that he would like to conduct in the lab.

"The first one is related to the emotion detection. So we're trying to detect or to read the facial expressions of the consumers. Emotions are very important in marketing, as you may know. So we need to understand how consumers express their

emotions, and what (that means)," said Zourrig.

As well, the lab will help Zourrig further his work on how cultural and individual differences affect consumer behaviour.

"I do some work on fraud and some fraudulent behaviour. So (that's) related to the dark side of consumer behaviour. Using the lab, it can help me to do some experi-

"A LOT OF OUR RESEARCH ALSO CAN HELP TO IMPROVE TRAINING PROGRAMS. SO WE HAVE A LOT OF IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT CAN BE EASILY DERIVED FROM OUR RESEARCH."

-HAITHAM ZOURRIG

ments relating different components (with) consumers, and to see how consumers make judgements," he said.

According to Zourrig, students studying business at the university will also be able to take advantage of the state of the art lab. Morgan Adams is a third year business administration student at the U of R. She said that, if given the opportunity,

she would like to take a class that uses the lab.

"The Paul J. Hill school of business is mostly focused on experiential learning," explained Adams, "So, by having this lab where you can work on the behavioural side of marketing, instead of just reading it out of a textbook, I think is a really good step in promoting the experiential learning side of it."

Adams thinks the lab will have real world implications as well.

"I think the business community might end up approaching (the school) to use it or maybe have some of their students do research for them using the lab. So it might positively affect the Regina business community," said Adams.

Ashley Binkley is an administrative assistant at 3S Health, a com-

pany that provides services and support to the Saskatchewan health sector. She holds a certificate in business and is currently working on her diploma in business administration. In her opinion, the research that will be conducted at the new lab will impact everyone.

"Everyone reacts differently to different things so, if they're doing research on this, I think that it definitely will impact everyone," Binkley said.

She also thinks research findings will help people in the business community, "because then they would know how to market their product to different consumers, depending on what they like and how they work."

Zourrig agrees. He believes the business community will be able to take advantage of the results of the research done in the lab.

"A lot of our research also can help to improve training programs. So we have a lot of implications and recommendations for the business community that can be easily derived from our research," said Zourrig.

UNIVERSITY HOSTS RELAY FOR LIFE



Photo by Dylan Bernhardt.

Bryan Wilson, a student at the U of R and co-chair of the Relay for Life committee, says they are hoping to recruit more volunteers before March 20.

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The fight against cancer will hit the ground running this March. The University of Regina will be hosting the Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the organizers are looking for volunteers for the all-night event.

The planning committee is entirely made up of student volunteers said Doug O'Brien the U of R's Relay for Life staff advisor. The project began as an idea in 2011, and was first run in 2012. This will be the fourth year the relay has taken place at the university.

O'Brien says he has a personal interest in the event. "On a personal side, my sister has battled cancer

essentially through her whole life. Also, my mom is currently in cancer treatment. I do have a fairly significant personal attachment to this particular project."

Nicole Krupski, co-chair of the committee, feels the same, "It means a lot to me. I've had a couple people pass away from cancer and it's really nice to see the whole event come together."

The relay will run throughout the night, with one member of each team on the track at all times according to committee co-chair Bryan Wilson. During the relay, various activities and acts will help motivate the runners, including singers, co-

medians, and themed laps.

"I personally have never had anyone in my family who has been affected by cancer, I think because of that I feel very fortunate and makes

its. "In the next few weeks is when we get the huge rush of our teams, so I'm expecting it will be full. We are aiming for 25 teams," said Krupski.

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The event will be held on March 20 and will run from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the university.

The goal is to raise money for cancer research, with similar events held in over 20 countries around the world. Volunteers or those wishing to donate can sign up at the Relay for Life website www.convio.cancer.ca.

me want to help out more. It's a cause I've always felt very strongly for," said Wilson.

Despite limited media coverage, the planners are hoping to recruit more volunteers before the event by handing out popcorn at the Riddell Centre and planned classroom vis-

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HOCKEY LAWSUIT RAISES LABOUR QUESTIONS



Photo by Eric Westhaver.

A group of former CHL players have launched a nine-figure lawsuit against their former league.

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Canada's top junior hockey players may not have a union, but labour issues around their league are at the forefront.

The CHL, Canada's top junior hockey league, is alleged to have violated Canada-wide minimum wage laws by underpaying players. A group of former CHL players have filed a class action lawsuit against the league.

CHL players are paid with weekly stipends with the average player receiving around \$50 per week. The suit, led by Toronto lawyer Ted Charney and former CHL players Lukas Walter and Sam Berg, calls for a settlement of a whopping \$180 million to settle unpaid overtime, vacation pay, back wages, and damages.

One of the main issues in the lawsuit is the employment status of players in the CHL, and its three main leagues, the WHL, the OHL, and the QMJHL. The main question is whether or not players are considered to be employed by their teams.

"If you consider them to be employees, then you ask yourself the question, 'Well, if they're employees, how much are they being paid?'" said Ron Pink, head of the Pink Larkin law office in Halifax.

Pink, a nationally-awarded la-

bour lawyer, is familiar with hockey unions. Pink has previously worked with the NHLPA, the professional hockey world's most influential union. "Most of them were paid less than minimum wage, they weren't getting overtime pay, weren't getting Workers' Compensation, weren't getting Employment Insurance, that sort of stuff," he explained.

The lawsuit is not just limited to the potential earnings of players. In-

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- RON PINK

cluded in the lawsuit are provisions for Workers' Compensation, scholarship packages, and a thorough health care policy. Pink states, "If they're employees, they're employees, and they have all the rights of an employee."

In hockey, a sport where injuries are frequent and can be severe, revamped health care packages and Workers' Compensation could be crucial to injured players. In the past few seasons, players like John Chartrand, a former OHL goaltender, have reported having to play while suffering from concussions.

Tim Bozon, a player with the

WHL's Kootenay Ice and a Montreal Canadiens prospect, was hospitalized last year with a life-threatening case of meningitis. After leaving hospital and making a full recovery, Bozon and his family were stuck with medical bills that weren't covered by CHL insurance.

Scholarship packages can also be an important addition, too. There are inconsistencies with the scholarship offers. Sam Berg, one of the

representative plaintiffs in the recent lawsuit, alleges that the scholarship his OHL team offered him was rendered null and void after he was injured and was unable to play. The details surrounding scholarship offers can vary dramatically, too. Some players receive full four-year offers, while others receive payment for only part of a four-year program. Other contract items, like whether residence fees or meal plans are paid for, are also dramatically inconsistent.

This isn't the first time the rights of CHL players have been brought up for debate. In 2012, an attempt to

form a Canada-wide players' union. The new group, named the CHLPA, sought to unite players nationally. Notable figures like former NHL tough guy Georges Laraque became involved.

The CHLPA's main mission statement pledged to "represent all CHL players in a manner that is fair and equitable, always keeping in mind the physical, mental, educational and financial well-being of each player now and in the future."

The CHLPA eventually folded, but the idea has not gone away. In July, the head of Unifor, one of Canada's largest labour unions, said they would support attempts to unionize CHLers.

If the players' lawsuit is successful, the ruling would set precedent for teams and organizations in nine different Canadian provinces, each with their own regulations.

"There are a lot of jurisdiction issues because it's Canada-wide. It's a question of whether or not the Employment Standards Act has an application," says Pink, adding, "There's all sorts of jurisdictional issues there. It'll be hotly contested."

The CHL lawsuit, first filed in October, is still pending. At press time, neither the WHL nor the CHL had responded to requests for comment.

BLUE JAYS ACADEMY LOOKING TO HIT A HOME RUN



Young players everywhere will soon be bringing the ball and glove out of storage.

Photo by Britton Gray.

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The Toronto Blue Jays have teamed up with KidSport again to hold its yearly baseball academy once again in Regina.

Regina baseball and softball players are beginning to dust off their gloves and get prepared for the upcoming season. Baseball, like any other sport, needs a group of youth athletes to ensure that the game continues to grow and get better.

Players under 18 years old are eligible to sign up.

"Kids, when they get the proper mentorship whatever sport it is, are going to do a lot better in their lives," said Ben Fines, manager of RBI training in Regina.

The Jays Academy has been running camps with Blue Jays alumni since 2012. Saskatchewan camps

have been held in Regina, Saskatoon and Lloydminster.

Rob Jack, social marketing manager for the Toronto Blue Jays, said he believes the academy is a great

the young players.

Nolan Bracken, who is the grassroots development co-ordinator for Saskatchewan Baseball, said the Toronto Blue Jays do an amazing job

"IT'S A WAY THAT THE BALL CLUB CAN GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND HELP DEVELOP PLAYERS AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL."

- ROB JACK

never get to meet them, much less be taught how to play by them. Jack said that the response has been a positive one from the communities, especially the smaller ones.

"I always enjoyed the environments in the small towns because when you go to a large place, like Toronto or Vancouver, these camps are always happening," Jack says. "But when you get to the small communities that aren't used to getting an ex-major league baseball players to work with the kids, it has a huge impact."

Players can sign up via the Toronto Blue Jays website.

Ben Fines sees any opportunity to get the kids out playing baseball as beneficial.

"The more repetitions on the field the kids get, the easier the sport will be down the road."

event for the ball club to offer.

"It's a way that the ball club can give back to the community and help develop players at the grassroots level," Jack explained. "We use our alumni as our instructors and Baseball Regina provides local coaches to help out."

The Academy also gives coaches and volunteers a chance to learn how to be better skill-builders for

when it comes to putting this event on every year.

"The Jays alumni have been awesome, they've been great. They organize everything and set it up and as far as Sask Baseball, we just come and assist them with the camps during the day," he said.

The Blue Jays use this as an opportunity to bring ex-MLB players to places where people normally

SHADES OF GRAY

SPORTS REPORTER BRITTON GRAY'S TOP 5 TEAMS TO WATCH THIS SEASON

1. Chicago Cubs: The Cubs are an interesting team this season. They have one of the best prospect pools in the MLB and many of their young stars are expected to get called up this season. With the additions of veteran pitcher Jon Lester and manager Joe Maddon, this team could be poised to make the playoffs for the first time since 2008.

2. Toronto Blue Jays: The Jays once again made moves this off-season to get back into the playoffs. The addition of Canadian catcher Russell Martin is sure to strengthen the entire team. Josh Donaldson will add power to the lineup and Canada's lone team seems ready to once again push for the playoffs.

3. San Francisco Giants: The current World Series champions will be another team to keep your eye on this season. While they look to repeat with Madison Bumgarner and Buster Posey still members, the loss of Pablo Sandoval may prevent them from repeating.

4. Boston Red Sox: Pablo Sandoval's new team makes the list as well. The Red Sox were once again flashing their wallets this off-season spending 183 Million on signing Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez. Only time will tell if these signings help them reach the World Series.

5. Kansas City Royals: After a magical post-season run that ended just short of the Royals winning the World Series, 2015 will prove to be tough for the team as they lost some big name players in Billy Butler and James Shields. It will be up to young star Eric Hosmer and the others to fill the void these players have left.

SUN NEWS NETWORK CLOSES DOORS, CITIZEN JOURNALISM OPENS WINDOWS

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Sun News Network employees found out early on the morning of Feb. 13 that they no longer have jobs. The TV network closed its doors, leaving about 300 people out of work.

"This is an unfortunate outcome; shutting down Sun News was certainly not our goal," said Julie Tremblay, president and CEO of Media Group and Sun Media Corporation in a press release.

Sun News Network employees are not the first - or the last - to be shocked by a job loss in the media. Last fall, Chicago sports talk radio host Ben Finfer learned, on-air, that the radio station he worked at would be closing.

"I don't even know what to do. Do we keep doing a show today?" said Finfer after he read a Twitter post reporting Chicago's WGWG-LP station would be closing its doors by the end of 2014.

"I'm not going to blame Twitter. I'm going to blame our bosses for not doing this the respectful way. I mean it's pretty crappy to find out on Twitter, especially while you're on the air," said Finfer on the *Quigs and Finfer* show on Nov. 20.

Sun News Network concluded their programming after an episode of *Byline with Brian Lilley* ended. Its feed went to the organization's logo, signifying the end.

The news was a surprise for some Sun News Network employees. The *Globe and Mail* reported the newspaper spoke to two employees that had been told nothing about the station's future.

But journalists like Curtis Paradis may have a saving grace for unemployed journalists: YouTube.

Paradis is a professional YouTuber, where he creates daily content for *The Curtis Paradis Show*.

"It's exactly what I want it to be and everything I want to do and basically nothing I don't," said Paradis about his show. He covers everything from game reviews, to news, to "something completely off topic."

"That's the luxury I get with the channel that it doesn't have to be described or limited to one certain thing. It can be a number of different things and it can really be anything I want it to be," said Paradis.

Although Paradis does not call himself a journalist through his YouTube channel, he has tight ties to news media. Paradis is the director for CTV's *Morning Live* show in Regina, Sask.

Paradis explained to INK that CTV's expectations of practices and demographics create good news

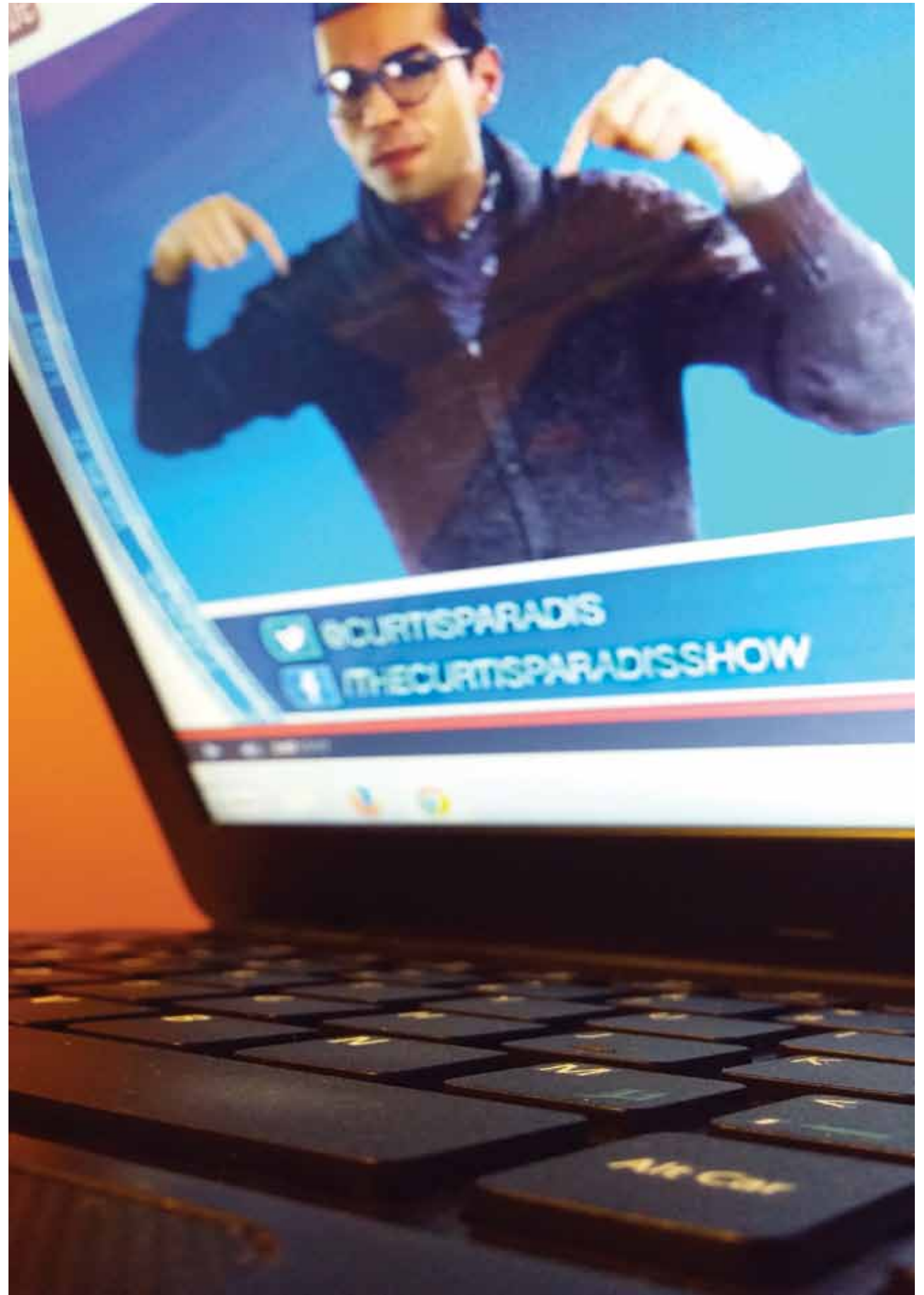


Photo by Paige Kreutzwieser.

As a professional YouTuber and journalist by trade, Curtis Paradis has a foot in each door.

content. In contrast, he said, online citizen journalism demands a great amount of self-control by the creator.

"Sometimes some of the most fearful things when you are sort of in an environment (like YouTube) with no edges or any surroundings that can close you in, is the fact that anything and everything is possible.

"But, that doesn't mean that anything and everything is a good thing."

Sun News Network experienced hard times when dealing with viewership and Paradis explained that if you don't please the audience, they aren't going to stay.

"People will vote for what they want with their wallets... Of course Sun has paid the ultimate price, which is, of course, they weren't producing content people were interested in, thus people went elsewhere and thus they lost revenue and had to shut their doors."

Paradis sees things leveling out in the future. Mainstream media like CBC - which is currently experiencing cutbacks - must just learn to deal with the changing times, because their content will remain important for Canadians.

"Television news gives you straight-down-the-line easy and concise ideas versus something that is maybe skewed to the left or the right," said Paradis.

AL-SHABAB CALLS FOR ATTACK ON MALLS



Photo by Rafique Bhuiyan.

After the bomb threat from Al-Shabab, some Regina shoppers are concerned about shopping.

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After recent threats by Al Qaeda linked rebel group Al-Shabab to bomb the West Edmonton Mall, local shopping centres and the people who frequent them are on high alert. Canadian security forces are also taking this threat seriously.

The U.S. Homeland Security Department and the RCMP have said that they are not aware of any specific plot against U.S. and Canadian shopping malls, but take seriously a threat by the Somali-based armed group.

"Al-Shabab does not have the resources and infrastructure to commit such an act," security chief said to media. "They're trying to encour-

age radicalized Canadians who may have gone abroad."

Even though the RCMP found no specific threat on Al-Shabab's video, the Mall of America and the West Edmonton Mall have implemented extra security precautions for their visitors. "I don't even know what question they asked so we have to figure it out."

"THE WORLD HAS CHANGED, WE ARE TRYING TO GIVE THE SAFEST ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE IN A PUBLIC PLACE. IT IS UP TO THE CUSTOMERS TO DECIDE THEY FEEL SAFE."

- KRISTA BEBEAU

"We ensure safety and security to our visitors as a priority. We are always monitoring what's going on in our industry. When we heard about the video news, we said we continue to be very vigilant," said Krista Be-

beau, marketing director of Regina's Cornwall centre mall.

"Theoretically, any place with a high concentration of people, or with great symbolic significance, is a potential target for terrorists. However, Saskatchewan would be a difficult place to attract converts who

might carry out such an attack," said Ron Wheeler, a sociology professor who teaches about terrorism at the University of Saskatchewan.

While Canadians were told not to worry about the threat, some shop-

pers are still concerned about their safety.

"Most of my shopping is done at the Cornwall Centre. I can get everything from here. But I am worried now to come to the mall after hearing a bomb threat to Edmonton mall," said Regina shopper Trista Wolaniuk.

"The world has changed, we are trying to give the safest environment, we are in a public place, it is up to the customers to decide they feel safe," Bebeau said.

However, people who work in the mall may not have the option to stay home.

One, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said "I need to open this store, I need my job secured, so I am coming with fear even after listening (to the) bomb threat. They are terrorists. Anything could happen anytime, anywhere."

"This latest statement from Al-Shabab reflects the new phase we've evolved to in the global terrorist threat, in that you have groups such as Al-Shabab and ISIL publicly calling for independent actors in their homelands to carry out attacks," Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson told CNN.

University of Alberta professor Paul Joesse told the National Post that, "It appears to be playing off that 'calling card' in the latest video. But it's unlikely the group has operatives in Canada to attack West Edmonton Mall."

Professor Joesse who teaches criminology and research on Al-Shabab activity also added, "In fact, the video indicates the opposite — it's an open call, and that suggests they don't have any operatives here."

In 2013, Al-Shabab attacked the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya and killed 67 people and over 175 wounded.

What do you think?

Regina high school cheerleading teams have pulled out from a competition at the West Edmonton Mall.



Linh Le

"I understand 100%. I have been to that competition, and I really enjoyed it. I think it's a really fun time, and it really sucks that it happened."



Nathan Cherwadi

"Would I feel unsafe going? Probably not, just because we're aware of the threat."



Elise Pelchat

"Some could say that by not going, you're letting ISIS win, but it's kind of a lose-lose situation."

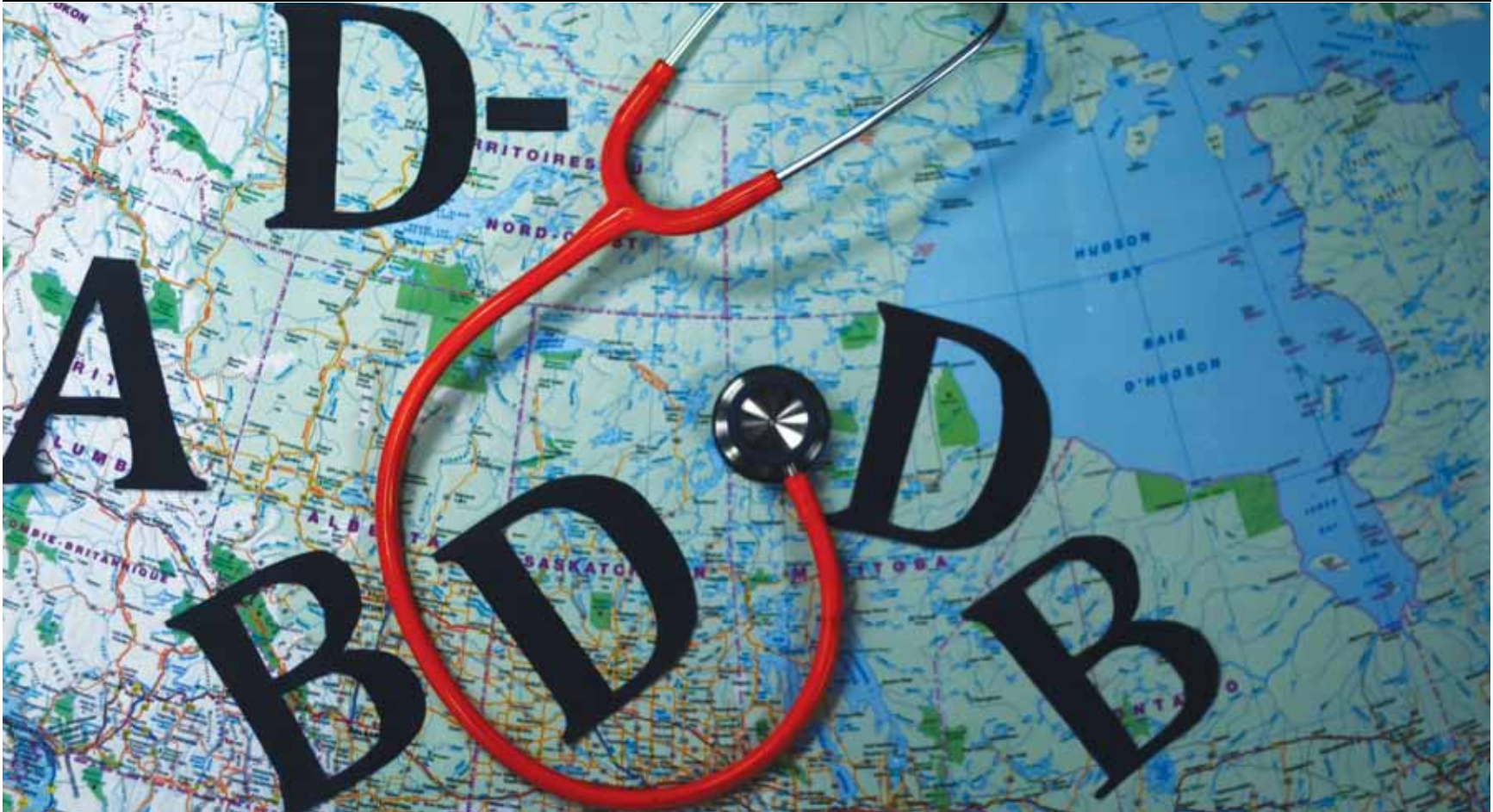


Photo by Rebekah Lesko.

The health grades across Canada according to The Conference Board of Canada's study, How Canada Performs. Saskatchewan received a D grade.

HEALTH REPORT from page 1...

"Our poor health report card is a socioeconomic problem and it is related to First Nations people," Whitebear said. "It's something you know. It's a part of our lives. It's not a shock. It's not a surprise. It's just, that's our life," Whitebear said.

Saskatchewan's worst mark is a D minus in infant mortality which translates into 6.43 deaths per

1,000 live births.

Saskatchewan's scores its only two B's from self-reported health and self-reported mental health. Additionally, the province earns three D's on premature mortality, mortality due to diabetes and life expectancy.

The life expectancy in Saskatchewan averages 79.7 years in con-

trast to the national average of 81.5 years. "Aboriginal people in Canada have life expectancies that are five or more years less than those of the total Canadian population," the report added.

"We have the issues of housing, education, food security, unemployment. There's poor health based on all of it. It's not just one example,"

Whitebear said.

As a nation, Canada was given a B grade.

"Overall it looks like Canada is doing relatively well. A B rating is by no means poor, but when you delve in at the provincial and territorial level you see the disparities," Rao said.

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS "WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SASKATCHEWAN'S HEALTH?"



I'd say is Saskatchewan one of the highest obesity rates in Canada and I think we could do better.

-Morgan Holman



It's not perfect but it could improve."

-Sylvianne Poirier



I don't think people are as healthy as they should be."

-Bryn Gelowitz

GLOBAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

A

1 Switzerland

2 Sweden

3 B.C.

B

4 Australia

5 Norway

6 France

7 Ontario

8 Japan

9 Netherlands

10 Canada

11 Quebec

12 P.E.I.

13 Alberta

14 Germany

C

15 Finland

16 U.K.

17 N.B.

18 Austria

19 Ireland

20 Belgium

D

21 Denmark

22 N.S.

23 Manitoba

24 Sask.

25 U.S.A.

26 N.L. (D-)

27 Yukon (D-)

28 N.W.T. (D-)

29 Nunavut (D-)

Source: The Conference Board of Canada

RIDING INTO A GREENER REGINA

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Electric cars could drive Regina into a becoming a greener city.

Sun Country Highway Ltd (SCH) wants to donate EV chargers to Regina. The city won't have to pay anything but the cost to hire an electrician to install them.

Regina city councillor Wade Murray is in support of EV and charging stations. "As a municipality we should encourage the movement towards a greener more sustainable future. The electric cars bring us that," said Murray.

SCH is a Saskatoon-based company with a goal to promote economic and environmental sustainability through encouragement of electric vehicles in Canada and abroad, according to its website.

In Regina, the SCH currently has charging locations installed at Best Western Seven Oaks Inn, Delta Regina downtown and Peavey Mart in the east end, with the Northgate Mall coming soon.

SGI reports that there are approximately 119 electric cars and roughly 2,212 hybrid vehicles registered in Saskatchewan.



Photo by Eric Westhaver.

An electric car charging station located at a Peavey Mart in Regina.

"IT'S ALSO HAVING ACCESS FOR PEOPLE TO TRAVEL COAST-TO-COAST AND HAVING PLACES TO STOP AND CHARGE THEIR VEHICLES."

-JAMES DENNIS

James Dennis, regional director of business development for SCH, said that the impact of EV charging stations go beyond Regina's city limits. Businesses have installed them

because it attracts EV owners to their business, said Murray. Businesses are basically donating their power to EV drivers, he added.

Since the EV needs to charge for

a few hours, drawing people to the city for a short period of time, they will eat, or go to local tourist sites and spend money locally, helping boost tourism, said Dennis.

Murray said the chargers will help address anxiety, when people fear running out of power on a journey.

When your car is charged you know when the next time you will need to plug in. By knowing this, you are able to plan out what cities or small communities you will need to stop in to charge your car, said Murray.

"It's not just the amount that is in the city, it's also having access for people to travel coast-to-coast and having places to stop and charge their vehicles. It's helping embrace eco-tourism to make the city more economic, social and environmentally sustainable," said Dennis.

Dennis said there is little to no noise-pollution and zero tailpipe emissions with EVs. Encouraging more plug-in locations can increase the popularity of EV purchases in the province, hopefully leading to a more sustainable method of transportation, he added.

OUTFITTER FINED \$20,000

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A Saskatchewan based outfitter, Saskatoon Waterfowl Outfitters Inc., has been fined \$20,000 in a provincial court in Saskatoon.

The penalties include five counts of illegal outfitting totalling \$14,000 and two counts of exceeding daily bag limits and possession limits totalling \$6,000.

The fines are a result of investigations one year apart in September 2013 and October 2014 by conservation officers.

Gary Provencher, a conservation officer based in Prince Albert, says Saskatoon Waterfowl Outfitters pleaded guilty on Feb. 18 to five counts of illegal outfitting under The Outfitter and Guide Regulations and two counts under the The Migratory Birds Convention Act and Regulations for hunting violations.

"The Outfitter and Guide Regulations charges did mainly involve paperwork," Provencher said. "They were charged for failing to ensure all wildlife taken by its clients was identified as belonging to the client or group of clients who took the wildlife, two counts for failing to keep a written record of the names and addresses of all clients, and one count of failing to make written records available at the request of a conservation officer with the Minis-

try of Environment."

Don McCrea, owner and president of Saskatoon Waterfowl Outfitters, says the issue is not an illegal outfitting problem but a paperwork issue.

"They were never actually over the limit of birds. It just didn't show well on paper. Saskatoon Waterfowl never shoots over their limits, ever," McCrea said.

"We still have our outfitter's license," he said. "We're not actually in trouble for shooting over our limits of birds and the (conservation officers) know it's a paperwork issue. It's why we still hold our license."

McCrea added Saskatoon Waterfowl Outfitters have implemented new programs and procedures to ensure there are no further issues with paperwork in the future.

Provencher says the daily bag limit and possession limits were exceeded in this case.

"Our officers, when they investigated, determined that the Saskatoon Waterfowl Outfitter company was over their limits by the number of birds that were in their freezer on the days they took their clients out," Provencher said.

Between the two incidents, Provencher said there were 122 ducks seized in total. "They were sorted duck species, predominantly consisting of mallards but there were also shovelers, teal, and pintails as well."

During the first incident on Sept. 19, 2013, the hunters were nine ducks over their limit.

The second incident on Oct. 3, 2014 the hunters were 33 ducks over their limit.

According to the Saskatoon Waterfowl Outfitters website, the daily limits imposed upon hunters are "eight Canadas," in reference to Canadian geese, four of which can be speckle-bellied geese. Eight is the

daily limit for ducks, four of which can be pintail ducks. Hunters are allowed to hunt up to 20 snow geese, and the limit for sand cranes is five per day.

The possession limit is three times the daily limit: 24 Canadian geese, 12 speckle bellies, 24 ducks, 12 pintails, 60 snow geese, and 15 sand cranes.

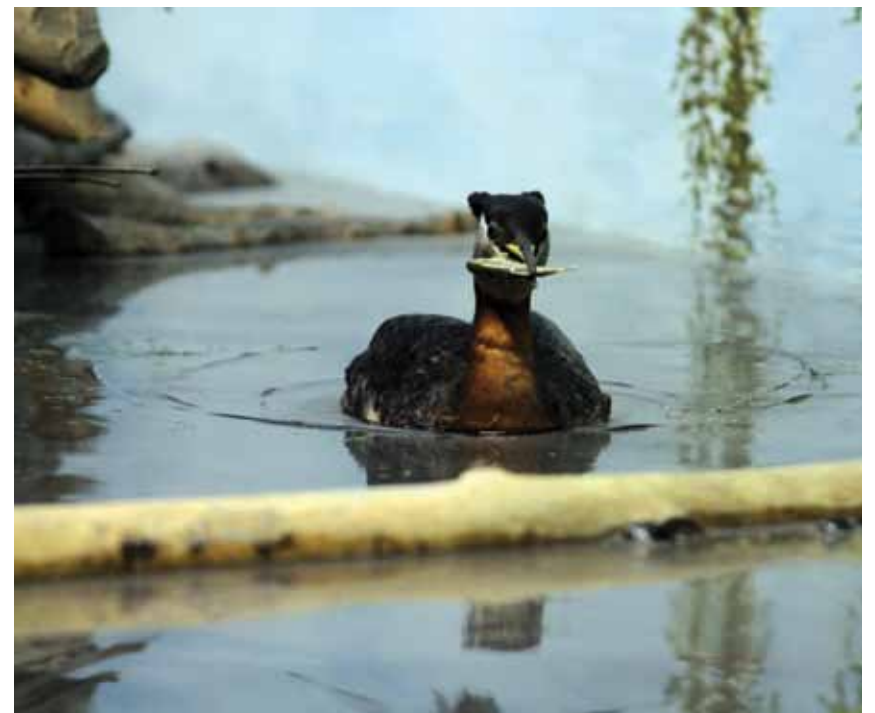


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RODEO RIDES TO GREENER PASTURES



Photo by Ashley Robinson.

Dale Claypool, western wear and tack manager at Cowtown says the CCA rodeo leaving will hurt business in Regina but help the store in Swift Current.

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Cowboys and cowgirls will be in for a change in 2016 at the Canadian Western Agribition when the Canadian Cowboys Association Rodeo moves to Swift Current following a decade-long partnership with Agribition.

The CCA announced the move following its annual general meeting

Saskatoon, and started out in Lloydminster in 1979.

The CCA has a long history and is one of most well-known rodeo associations. "We're one of the only associations that considers themselves to be semi-pro," said Larson. Contestants were known to go to other rodeos with different associations in Edmonton. The CCA never stopped the growth of its contestants.

According to Agribition CEO Mar-

ty Seymour there are no hard feelings between Agribition and the CCA. When the CCA told Agribition about its decision, they had mixed feelings. "I recognize they were doing something that was in the best interest of their organization... I think they handled the thing very professionally in the circumstances

that were dealt and we'll continue to build and grow on what we're doing here," said Seymour. Looking towards the future, Agribition will continue to be a world-class event and grow. "If you look at Agribition we're an international event that 122,000 people coming from across Saskatchewan, all over the world, all with different interests. There's 90 different events here in six days. So I don't know what the affect will be on the show at this point, it's only speculation. But I would say that the scope and scale of our event is that we will continue to grow our show regardless," said Seymour.

"Some are pretty disappointed. They thought it was such a nice fit for Agribition including myself. I'm kind of disappointed," said Dale Claypool, the western wear and tack manager at Cowtown in Regina.

"Well it will probably hurt us a little bit (at Cowtown) because we don't know what's going to take place... But on a plus side we have a store in Swift Current so we're pret-

ty happy that that will really help that store, business-wise of course," said Claypool.

"It really stimulates the local economy," said Michael Boutilier, communications coordinator with the City of Swift Current.

With the move, the rodeo will move back to the original date of the third week in October, which will mean warmer weather for competitors and people attending.

"I think they will be happy, ideally every contestant is in it for the prize money and if the prize money grows with the rodeo, I think it'll be great for everyone," said Larson.

The annual general meeting of Agribition is set to be held on April 10. It is yet to be determined what they will talk about in regards to the rodeo move. The future of Agribition will still include rodeo though. "Rodeo has been a big part of Agribition's entertainment lineup. Rodeo's always been a big part of what we do and we'll continue to do rodeo," said Seymour.

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-DALE CLAYPOOL

held in Regina on February 6 and 7.

"It was a better growth opportunity with Swift Current and their community, and what they were prepared to invest in it," said CCA vice president Kevin Larson.

The rodeo has been held in conjunction with Agribition for the last 10 years. Before that it was held in

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ➡ The Canadian Cowboys Association (CCA) was founded in 1963, starting with 60 members
- ➡ Today, the CCA is the largest semi-pro rodeo association in Canada
- ➡ It sanctioned 15 rodeos in its first season and has grown to sanction over 60 rodeos
- ➡ It's estimated that the sport of rodeo is attended by over 1.3 million people nationwide